

Explanations of Terms

(Items Related to Information Technology (IT))

Total households

The sum of two-or-more-person households plus one-person households.

Ownership and utilization of equipments and services related to information technology (IT)

Exclude ownership and use of such items for business purposes by households engaged in a business.

Ownership of equipments which are able to use the Internet

“Equipments which are able to use the Internet” refers to a device that can be connected to the Internet through use of functions built into itself or through use of connecting equipment. In terms of “ownership” of such a device, it does not matter if functions are actually used to access the Internet or not.

Equipments which are able to use the Internet

Cell phone/PHS

Cell or PHS telephones that can be directly connected to the Internet.

TV

TV that can use the Internet with connecting equipment.

Others

Items not covered by the above descriptions, such as video game machine that can connect directly to the Internet.

Means of Communication used for the Internet

Internet used directly by telephone

Internet service used directly through telephones such as i(L)-mode, EZweb and Yahoo!Keitai.

xDSL (ADSL, etc.)

Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL, SDSL, HDSL and VDSL).

Fiber-optics

Fiber optic line such as FLET'S Hikari and Hikari One.

CATV

Line using cable television cables.

ISDN

Integrated Services Digital Network line.

Analog

Standard telephone line.

Others

Other means and services not covered by the above descriptions, such as wireless Internet or satellite Internet service.

Utilization of the Internet for this month (survey month)

Includes use of any equipment that can be connected to the Internet, even equipments that are outside the home, such as in a library or a Internet cafe.

Utilization of Electronic money etc.

In this survey, the definition of electronic money is currency value stored in media, like the following example.

e.g.) Edy, Suica, ICOCA, PASMO, “OsaiFu Keitai”, WebMoney, BitCash, QuoCard

Credit cards, Debit cards, and Post-pays are excluded from the electronic money. Moreover, prepaid card such as “common bus card” that can purchase only specific goods and/or services are not included in electronic money in this survey.

(Items Related to Expenditure)

Total households

The sum of two-or-more person households plus one-person households.

[Communications, broadcasting]

Mobile phone (cell phone, PHS) charge

Basic fees and connection fees for cell phones, Personal Handyphone Systems, car-phones, etc. Includes charges for optional services, and prepaid cards for cell phones and PHSs.

Fixed phone line charge

Basic fees and connection fees for fixed phone lines, telegram fees, use fees for cable TV phone, Internet connection fee (measured rate), ISDN connection fee (excluding FLET'S ISDN (flat rate)), etc.

Excludes telephone installation charges, shared facilities cost, telephone transfer fee, telephone card charges and public telephone charges.

Internet connection fee (provider fee and line usage charge)

Subscription covering both provider fee and fixed line use charge – fixed charge for ADSL, FLET'S ISDN, optical fiber, etc.

Excludes Internet connection using cable TV line.

Internet connection fee (provider fee)

Subscription not covering both provider fee and fixed line use charge. Includes only provider fee for the Internet connection.

Cable TV viewing fee (viewing and internet connection)

Cable TV service with the Internet connection.

Cable TV viewing fee (viewing only)

Cable TV service without the Internet connection. Includes cases in which cable TV reception fee and digital broadcast fee are indistinguishable.

Digital satellite broadcast viewing fee

Viewing fees for BS digital and CS digital broadcasts, such as digital WOWOW, Sky PerfectTV! and Star Channel BS.

Excludes viewing fee for NHK satellite broadcasts.

[Furniture, etc.]

Chest of drawers

Any kind of chest of drawers, whether Japanese or Western style, large or small, including closets for baby wear and wardrobes.

Bed

Single bed, double bed, bunk beds, water bed and pipe bed, etc.

Excludes beds for medical purposes and bedding.

Bedding

Anything used as bedding, whether placed over or under the sleeping man, or a combination of both.

Excludes blankets, mattresses, bedding for babies and coverlet for a *kotatsu*.

Desk and chair (for work or study)

Includes desks and chairs for office or study use, those designed for *tatami* mats.

Excludes tables for dining or use on *tatami* mats, and piano chairs.

Cupboard

Sideboard, etc. (including those in dining room, living room, etc.).

Sofa and table set

Items mainly used for receiving guests, including single items (such as sofa only or table only).

Instrument (parts are included)

Piano, electronic musical instruments, violins, trumpets, harmonicas, drums, koto, shamisen, etc.

Excludes piano chairs, piano tuning charges, metronomes, music desks, etc.

[Clothing]

Men's suit

Suit and formal wear for men from seventh grade of school and upward.

Excludes single items (jacket only or trousers only), overcoats, uniforms, etc.

Women's one-piece dress and suit

Suit, one-piece dresses and formal dresses for women from seventh grade of school and upward.

Exclude single items (jacket only or skirt only), blouses, overcoats, maternity wear, etc.

Japanese clothes (men and women)

Japanese clothing of all kinds for seventh graders of school and upward, including *haori* half-coat, *obi*, *yukata* (summer *kimono*), *tanzen* coat, Japanese overcoat, *jimbei* (summer wear) and underwear for *kimono*, and also including festival wear.

Exclude nightwear, *tabi* socks and sewing charges, etc.

[Motor cars - related costs]

Motor cars (new)

Base price covering standard equipment at the time of purchase plus automobile acquisition tax (less trade-in price if any).

Exclude automobile tax, automobile weight tax, registration fee, charges for options and other extra specifications, etc.

Motor cars (second-hand)

Base price plus automobile acquisition tax (less trade-in price if any). Also includes deregistered new cars (*shinkosha*).

Exclude automobile tax, automobile weight tax and registration fee.

Motor cars insurance fee (compulsory)

Premium for compulsory automobile liability insurance charged at the time of purchase or periodic official car inspection.

Excludes premiums for voluntary insurance and non-automobile transport equipment (motorbikes, etc.).

Motor cars insurance fee (voluntary)

Premiums for voluntary insurance.

Excludes premiums for compulsory automobile liability insurance.

Motorized vehicles other than motor cars

Base price covering standard equipment at the time of purchase plus vehicle acquisition tax. Also applicable to second hand purchases. Include motorbikes, scooters, electric tricycles or quadricycles and motorboats, etc.

Maintenance costs of motor cars

Costs of necessary services for maintenance and repair of automobile, including repair charges and technical fees for official car inspection.

Exclude fitting or repair fees for automobile - related parts such as car stereos.

[Housing]

House-related equipping/construction/repair costs (interior)

Costs of equipment and appliances for house interiors, and of installation and repair of same, including fitting fees for integrated kitchen system, aluminum window sashes, *tatami* mats and bathtub, installation fees for air conditioners, flooring, electric power and gas facilities and telephone equipment.

Exclude costs of expansion, remodeling or new construction of house.

House-related equipping/construction/repair costs (exterior)

Costs of equipment and appliances for house exteriors and accessories to house, including gates, external walls and fences, and installation and repair of same. Includes veranda, detached storeroom, garden stones and trees, work on garage, exterior painting, and roof repair.

Exclude costs of expansion, remodeling or new construction of house.

Water supply and drainage construction costs

Costs of construction, repair, maintenance and inspection of water supply and drainage facilities for kitchen, bathroom and toilet.

Gardens, trees and plants tending costs

Costs of services for maintenance and management of plants and garden, including fees for tree trimming, sprinkling of sterilizer, purchases from gardener, gardener's service and gardening.

Exclude plant items such as flower seeds and bulbs, and gardening supplies such as fertilizers, earth, plant pots, props, insecticides and sterilizers.

Rents for dwelling

Rent for privately owned, Urban Renaissance Agency, public corporation or issued house, including rent for room and directly paid house or room rent for non-member of the household.

Exclude joint expenses, management fee, rent for parking lot, contract renewal fee and remitted rent for non-member of the household (remittances to family members living out).

Rents for land

Rent for housing lot under lease, including rent for housing site premises, rent for private path and other land.

Exclude rent for parking lot.

[Home electric appliances, etc.]

Refrigerator

Includes other low-temperature storage containers such as freezer, rice store and wine cellar.

Washing machine

Includes dryer and spin-drier.

Air conditioner

Includes air conditioner for both cooling and heating or one for cooling only.

Excludes installation fee.

Sewing machine

Includes electric sewing machine and lock sewing

machine, etc.

Excludes manual sewing machine, sewing table and accessories.

Stereo system

Includes modular stereo and mini-modular stereo.

Excludes car stereo, radio-cassette recorder with CD (MD) function and separate components (for CD, MD or analog disc).

Personal computer

Desktop PC and laptop PC, including display unit only and keyboard only.

Excludes peripheral items.

Personal computer peripherals and software

Include printer, scanner, mouse, various drives and software for PC.

Mobile phone unit (cell phone, PHS unit price and entry fee)

Includes fee for change to another model.

Excludes rental fee.

Fixed phone unit with fax

Excludes fixed phone unit with the Internet connection function and associated items.

TV (with built-in digital broadcast tuner)

TV with built-in ground-wave, BS or CS digital broadcast tuner.

TV (without digital broadcast tuner)

TV without function for reception of digital broadcasts.

Digital broadcast tuner and antenna

Tuner and antenna for reception of ground-wave, BS or CS digital broadcast.

Videocassette recorder (DVD recorder, player, etc. are included)

DVD recorder and Blu-ray disc recorders etc.

TV game machine with Internet connection function

Includes PlayStation 3, Xbox360 and Nintendo DS, Wii, etc.

Camera (excluding disposable camera)

Excludes film pack with lens (disposable camera), peripheral items and repair cost.

Video camera

Excludes peripheral items and repair cost.

Car navigation system

Includes HDD, DVD and CD-ROM navigation

systems, etc.

Excludes fitting charge.

[Medical care]

Medical services (dental)

Fees for cure of disease, initial-visit fee, orthodontics, prescriptions, false teeth provided by dentist, etc.

Medical services (excluding dental)

Fees for cure of disease, surgery, injection, house call and examination based on doctor's diagnosis (excludes routine health check). Include fees for massage and acupuncture received in hospital, and rehabilitation guidance received in hospital, etc.

Hospital services (delivery)

All costs of hospitalization in connection with child delivery.

Exclude reservation charge and midwife fee.

Hospital services (excluding delivery)

All costs of hospitalization not related to delivery. Also applies to direct payment of hospital charges for non-member of the household hospitalized for long period (3 months or longer).

Exclude hospitalization for routine health check, such as complete medical checkup.

[Others]

Tuition (kindergarten-university) (public)

Tuition (kindergarten-university) (private)

Tuition and other fees payable for education at school governed by the School Education Law (Law No.26, 1947). Such schools as kindergartens, elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools and universities (including junior colleges, technical colleges and graduate schools) and special schools (including vocational schools and technical schools). Fees for examinations, entrance, homeroom activities, school trips, PTA dues and tuition paid directly for non-member of the household.

Excludes nursing fee of day nursery, tuition for preparatory school, textbook fees, school lunch fee and tuition remitted to non-member of the household.

Supplementary education costs

Fees for cram school, preparatory school, correspondence study and home tutor to supplemental study of main scholastic curricula, etc. instituted under the School Education Law.

Exclude tuition and textbook costs for non-standard education and/or practical lessons such as piano class, English conversation or the like.

Highway fares (Using ETC)

Charge of using ETC (electronic toll collection system).

Highway fares (Excluding ETC)

Highway fares excluding use of ETC.

Driving school fee

Fees for entrance, lessons, skill examination and motorcycle driving lessons at driving school, etc.

Excludes fees for driver's license examination and issuance of driver's license.

Air fare

Various fares for use of aircraft on domestic or international routes.

Excludes fares paid for business trips.

Accommodation costs

Various charges for accommodation overnight.

Exclude charges paid for business trips.

Package tour costs (domestic)

Package fees covering transportation and hotel charges of domestic travels.

Exclude charges paid for business trips.

Package tour costs (foreign)

Package fees covering transportation and hotel charges of overseas travels.

Exclude charges paid for business trips.

Rental fee for sports facilities

Admission fee of swimming pool and ice skate rink etc., bowling play fee, and tennis membership fee.

Rental fee of tennis coat, baseball stadium and gymnasium.

Golf practice fee, golf play fee, and service charge of golf course.

Participation and registration fee of sports events, initial membership fee and membership fee of gym, and charge for fitness club and equestrian club, etc.

Excludes rental fee of ski boots and skates, and rental fee of lockers (coin lockers).

Wedding ceremony and reception costs

Wedding costs, including those for ceremony, reception, etc., payable by bridegroom or bride. Include direct payment to party organizers on behalf of bridegroom or bride who is not a member of the household.

Exclude costs of accommodation, transportation, gift money, monetary honorarium paid to matchmaker, bride's trousseaus, and clothes rented, etc. for anyone other than bridegroom and bride.

Funeral service costs for the host

All costs borne by host of funeral or memorial service.

Exclude cost of accommodation, transportation, condolence gift, and costs of funeral or memorial service borne by anyone other than host.

Religion-related costs

All costs pertaining to religious services, including contribution to temple or shrine, household altar or gravestone.

Orders over the Internet

Orders or reservations for goods or services over the Internet.

Exclude orders or reservations at store counter.

Total expenditure

Total monthly expenditure includes food costs and utilities charges in addition to the total sum paid for purchases of specific goods and services.

The following items are not included in total expenditure.

Direct taxes ((national) income tax, residents' tax, fixed asset tax, etc.).

Social insurance premiums (premiums for public pension, medical insurance, etc.).

Bank deposits and postal saving.

Premiums for insurance (with property of savings).

Repayments of loans (including housing loans, etc.).

Purchases of property (real estate including land and house, etc.).

Remittance

Money remitted to non-member of the household to pay for livelihood, house rent, tuition, etc.

Excludes house rent, utilities charges, tuition, etc. for non-member of the household paid directly.

Money gifts

Cash paid as congratulatory, consolation or ceremonial gift according to common practice, including congratulatory, farewell, consolation, condolence and gratitude gifts, etc. Also include gifts given in the form of shopping vouchers, gift vouchers, etc. bought for such purpose.

Districts**Hokkaido**

Hokkaido

Tohoku

Aomori-ken, Iwate-ken, Miyagi-ken, Akita-ken, Yamagata-ken, Fukushima-ken

Kanto

Ibaraki-ken, Tochigi-ken, Gumma-ken,
Saitama-ken, Chiba-ken, Tokyo-to, Kanagawa-ken,
Yamanashi-ken, Nagano-ken

Hokuriku

Niigata-ken, Toyama-ken, Ishikawa-ken, Fukui-ken

Tokai

Gifu-ken, Shizuoka-ken, Aichi-ken, Mie-ken

Kinki

Shiga-ken, Kyoto-fu, Osaka-fu, Hyogo-ken,
Nara-ken, Wakayama-ken

Chugoku

Tottori-ken, Shimane-ken, Okayama-ken,
Hiroshima-ken, Yamaguchi-ken

Shikoku

Tokushima-ken, Kagawa-ken, Ehime-ken,
Kochi-ken

Kyushu & Okinawa

Fukuoka-ken, Saga-ken, Nagasaki-ken,
Kumamoto-ken, Oita-ken, Miyazaki-ken,
Kagoshima-ken, Okinawa-ken

City Groups

Cities are classified into the following five groups by the size of population based on the result of 2005 Population Census.

Major cities

Designated cities under article 252-19 of the Local Autonomy Law and Ku-area of Tokyo.

Middle cities

Cities with populations of 150,000 or more (excluding Major Cities).

Small cities A

Cities with populations of 50,000 or more, but less than 150,000.

Small cities B

Cities with populations of less than 50,000.

Towns and villages